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Rapid River News!

April 6, 2009

From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

(Natural Resource related items)

- Fish (sucker) available for Tribal membership. In late April-early May there will be fish available for membership. The State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be removing sucker from a lake in the northern, lower peninsula of Michigan. A portion of the harvested sucker will be available for Tribal members. If you are interested, please contact the LRBOI Natural Resources Department for more details.

(Cultural related items)

- We Shall Remain is a groundbreaking mini-series and provocative multi-media project that establishes Native history as an essential part of American history. Five 90-minute documentaries spanning three hundred years tell the story of pivotal moments in U.S. history from the Native American perspective. Episode 1 After the Mayflower (PBS PREMIERE ON APRIL 13, 2009). In 1621, the Wampanoag of New England negotiated a treaty with Pilgrim settlers. A half-century later, as a brutal war flared between the English and a confederation of Indians, this diplomatic gamble seemed to have been a grave miscalculation. (Watch the Rapid River for notice of other episodes)
- Spring Ceremony! A spring ceremony is planned for April 11th and 12th in Manistee. See the flyer at the end of the RRN for details.
- Pow Wow List! A new listing of 2009 Pow Wows for the Great Lakes region is now available on the tribal website? (Located in the lower left column on the main page.). Go to www.lrboi.com for the list. An abbreviated list will also appear regularly through the season in the Currents.

(General area items)

- Fund Raiser! Chi Miigwetch to the following people, who donated financially, in services, or auction items, for the Captian family fundraiser: Deb Miller, Hon. Dan Bailey, Hon. Angela Sherigan, Gene Zeller, Spring Tuttle, Detective Graubowski, Mary Witkop, Ogema Romanelli, Jeanie Gibson, Dan and Mary Belikan, Shelly Kequom, Janine Sam, Joe Martin, Melissa Waitner, Dan Shepard, Candace Chapman, Lee Iverson, Roma Battice, Austin Bruaker and a special thank you to Ogema Romanelli and former Ogema Lee Sprague, and everyone else who showed up for the event. The total amount raised, after costs, was \$2301.75. (information provided by Angela Sherigan, Associate Judge)

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- Positive Indian Parenting April 23rd! The tribal Family Services Department is starting a special class at the Muskegon office. Check out the memo at the end of the Rapid River News for full details.
- Coca Cola scholarship. THE COCA-COLA FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP is offered to American Indian students who are the first in their immediate family to pursue a higher education at a tribal college or university. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2009. Learn more at http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=1563.

(Kateri Circle)

"The sacred fire used to heat the rocks represents the eternal fire that burns at the center of the universe."

--Dr. A.C. Ross (Ehanamani), LAKOTA

Our Sweat Lodge represents the womb of Mother Earth. This is the place of forgiveness. The altar is the place where the Grandfathers are heated. The Sweat Lodge and the altar represent the whole story of the universe.

The Sweat Lodge and the ceremonies are sacred. The Great Spirit gave these things to us to help us. He taught us to do the ceremonies in harmony with Mother Earth. We need to know and understand these things.

Great Spirit, let me understand harmony.



Spring Ceremonies



TWO DAYS - APRIL 11 and 12.

LOCATION: LRBOI COMMUNITY CENTER

Sponsored by the Naagadoodaa Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Group:

A multi denominational traditional group representing various factions of our traditional Native American belief systems from within our diverse tribal community.

WITH WISDOM AND RESPECT

These ceremonies are intended to bring our community together for one weekend under the umbrella of common spirituality, not to replace anyone's existing ceremonies that are specific to one's own family, clan or group, but to add to our community by bringing people into one circle for a time of sharing.

WITH HUMILITY AND HONESTY

These ceremonies are not meant to exclude people, to judge anyone or to blame people for doing things wrong. We come together and work for healing and to share our different gifts. This is an opportunity to learn and teach so that we can all grow in our spirituality while working together. Join the healing.

WITH BRAVERY, TRUTH AND LOVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: PEACEMAKING DEPT.(398-2240 or 398-2239)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPT.(398-6891) OR THE PLANNING DEPT.(398-6810)

All people are welcome to participate in these ceremonies. No one will be turned away based on race, religion or personal differences. We ask that people be sober and respectful if they choose to attend. No alcohol, weapons or disruptive behavior will be allowed. A moon lodge will be set up for women to be able to attend during their moon-time. Children should have an overview of what is happening and have parents or responsible guardians to help watch them. Volunteers will be needed for many different responsibilities to keep the ceremonies going, such as fire-keepers, ceremony conductors, pipe carriers, story tellers, drummers etc. Donations will also be needed for food and preparation, work and tools, canvas tarps, tobacco and medicines, time and spiritual commitment. Various ceremonies will occur throughout the weekend starting with the lighting of the sacred fire at sunrise on Saturday morning. Requests for specific ceremonies can be made beforehand as needed. Please do so in advance to give enough time for proper ceremonial preparation. Please talk to someone and find out how to prepare yourself personally and what you may need to bring with you for your physical and spiritual needs.



Positive Indian Parenting Classes Honoring Our Children by Honoring Our Traditions

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009

Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Muskegon Office - Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Duration: 8 weeks

Who: Couples, single parents, grandparents, non-custodial parents, step-parents, foster parents, future parents, teen parents, anyone who cares for Native American children.

Positive Indian Parenting is a research-based curriculum designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for those who are raising Native American children.

A light meal will be provided. Weekly giveaways.

To register call or email:

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If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:

The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.

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Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.